



Police Department

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Letter from the Chief of Police

Subject: Private Security Officers and Private Security Agencies Ordinance 3.72.

Welcome to the Wichita Police Department website. The Wichita Police Department manages the private security industry in the City of Wichita.

Wichita Police Department Private Security Mission Statement:

The mission of the Private Security Section is to promote excellence in private security service delivery through the continued development of professional standards, ethical behavior, and the delivery of quality training; and to continue to address emerging trends in the private security industry.

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Weapons

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Sec. 3.72.240. Firearm permit—Limited to authorized firearm only, information required.

- (1) The Chief of Police shall approve the make, model, caliber, barrel length, trigger pull and magazine capacity of all firearms, which may be carried pursuant to a firearm permit, as well as the ammunition, which may be used therein. A list of approved firearms, specifications and ammunition shall be in writing and signed by the Chief of Police. Such list shall be posted on the Wichita Police Department's website and otherwise made available to all private security officers, agencies, and permit applicants. Only a specific firearm and ammunition of the type approved by the Chief of Police shall be carried and used pursuant to a firearms permit. The use or possession of any unapproved firearm or a firearm with any feature, modification, or ammunition not approved by the Chief of Police shall be a violation of this article.

- (2) The make, model, caliber and serial number of the specific firearm shall be noted on the private security officer's permit which shall be in his or her possession at all times when the authorized firearm is carried, and failure to do so is considered a violation of this article.

The Chief of Police has authorized the following weapons.

Manufacturer: Smith & Wesson, Colt, Ruger, Sig arms, Springfield, Glock, XD and Berretta.

Caliber: 38/357 revolver, 40 caliber and 9mm semi auto handguns.

Barrel length: Not to exceed 5 inches.

All weapons must be double action.

Trigger pull: No modifications will be allowed outside of manufacturer's specifications. Trigger pull cannot be less than 5 ½ pounds.

Magazine capacity: Not to exceed manufacturer's specifications and limited to (3) three magazines.

Ammunition: Must be new ammunition (No Reloads) from one of the following ammunition manufacturers: Winchester, Federal, Remington, Speer and Hornaday. This ammunition must be carried while on duty.

Weapon qualification: Once a weapon is used to qualify, that weapon cannot be modified or changed in any way from the time it was used in qualifying.

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Section 3.72.205 of the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, shall read as follows:

“Equipment and duty gear authorized by Chief of Police – carrying unauthorized equipment or wearing of unauthorized duty gear prohibited. A list of authorized equipment and duty gear which may be carried, used and/or worn by private security officers permitted under this chapter and according to each category of permit shall be in writing and signed by the Chief of Police. Such list shall be posted on the Wichita Police Department's website and otherwise made available to all private security officers, agencies, and permit applicants. Carrying or use of any unauthorized equipment or wearing of any unauthorized duty gear by a private security officer permitted under this chapter, or carrying or use of any equipment not authorized for the category of permit possessed by any private security officer is a violation of this ordinance and shall be punished as set forth in Section 3.72.340.”

Duty Gear

Uniformed security officers must wear a duty belt as defined: under belt, outside belt, outside belt with duty belt type holster, handcuff case, mace case, baton holder and magazine pouches.

The wearing of nylon duty gear is acceptable, however, mixing of the two will not be allowed.

Holster

Holster is defined as a manufactures specific for weapon. The wearing of tactical, dropdown or plastic (off duty) type holster will not be allowed. This includes the wearing of shoulder type holsters.

Handcuffs

Must be chain type

Baton

Expandable, 26 inches or less

Electronic Control Devices

Taser Brand

-X26C

Mace

Stream type, less than 3 ounces of 0.18%, or less, Oleorsin Capsicum